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SUBJECT: GOP DESIGNATES NEW DIRECTORS OF SOCIALIZED PRESS

1. GOP COUNCIL OF MINISTERS ON JULY 22 APPROVED RESOLUTION DESIGNATING DIRECTORS AND GENERAL MANAGERS IN THE SOCIALIZED PRESS FOR A ONE-YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING JULY 27. THE DIRECTORS ARE: EL COMERCIO, HECTOR CORNEJO CHAVEZ (RE-CONFIRMED); LA PRENSA, GILBERTO ESCUDERO OYARCE (CURRENT DIRECTOR OF OFFICIAL GAZETTE EL PERUANO); EXPRESO, LEOPOLDO CHIAPPO GALLI (PHILOSOPHER, UNIVERSITY PROFESSOR AND ADVISOR TO MINISTRY OF EDUCATION); CORREO, HUGO NEYRA SAMANEZ (RE-CONFIRMED); OJO, AUGUSTO RAZURI SEMINARIO RECONFIRMED AND (FORMERLY LA CRONICA DIRECTOR).

2. NEITHER GOVERNMENT PAPER LA CRONICA NOR CURRENTLY ANTI-COMMUNIST DAILY ULTIMA HORA WERE INCLUDED IN JULY 22 RESOLUTION. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT LA CRONICA DIRECTOR WILL BE LUIS GONZALEZ POSADA (PRESIDENT VELASCO'S BROTHER-IN-LAW) AND NEW ULTIMA HORA DIRECTOR WILL BE FRANCISCO GUERRA (HIGH LEVEL SINAMOS OFFICIAL WORKING WITH SALA OROSCO ON SINAMOS RE-ORGANIZATION. HE IS EXPECTED TO BE INTIMATELY INVOLVED IN THE POLITICAL ORGANIZATION OF THE REVOLUTION.)

3. COMMENT: NEW PRESS CHIEFS DESIGNATED BY GOP SHOULD BE MORE RESPONSIVE TO GOVERNMENT POLICY CONSIDERATIONS THAN
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CURRENT DIRECTORS. AT FIRST GLANCE IT APPEARS THAT THESE MEN,

AIDED BY RECENT DECREE LAWS RELATING TO FOREIGNERS AND LEFTISTS
IN THE PRESS, SHOULD MOVE THE PRESS SOMEWHAT TOWARD THE CENTER
OF THE POLITICAL SPECTRUM. THE NEW DIRECTORS ARE NOT NECESSARILY
PRO-U.S. LEOPOLDO CHIAPPO FOR EXAMPLE WROTE A JULY 18 ARTICLE
CARRIED IN LA PRENSA WHICH SAID THAT "UNESCO IS NO LONGER
A PROPAGANDA AGENCY FOR IMPERIALISM AND TERMED SECRETARY
KSSINGER'S PROPOSAL TO REMOVE POLITICS FROM INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS "HYPOCRISY".
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